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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
MY T. NGUYEN ET AL. : Examiner Cephia T. Toomer
Serial No.: 10/025,830 : Group Art Unit: 1714
Filed: December 26, 2001 :
For: PHOTOLUMINESCENT MARKERS :
AND METHODS FOR DETECTION
OF SUCH MARKERS :

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request for an extension of time for two (2) months from March 23, 2004 to May 23, 2004 to respond to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$210.00 is attached hereto to cover the extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(b).. It is believed that no additional fee is due. Should that determination be incorrect, however, the Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account 13-2759 and notify the undersigned in due course. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Date: May 19, 2004

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